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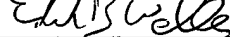
A copy of the Japanese Patent No. 2001-244338 is enclosed. A concise explanation of relevance: An ESD protection circuit of the signal input terminal uses a fuse element and a diode element. When operating, an input protection diode is cut from a signal input terminal.

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Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial	Patent number	Date	Name	Class	Sub-class	Filing date if appropriate
	6,327,125	12-2001	Colclaser et al			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	Document number	Filing Date	Country	Class	Sub-class	Translation YES	NO
	2001-244338	09-2001	Japan				X

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